

story of the headless horseman or a bloated bureaucracy, a hollow military force and more tax increases.

Mr. Speaker, no one wants to go home with the liberals' view of Congress. Rather, we all want to go home with some great news for America's schoolchildren, for America's hard-working families, for the men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces, news that we are working for them, not some fat-cat bureaucrat here in Washington.

To my liberal colleagues, I say this: Let us put an end to wasteful bureaucratic spending. Help us send Federal education dollars directly to the schools and to the classrooms for the benefit of educating children. Help us give back hard-earned tax dollars to America's hardworking families. Help us make the strength of our nation and our national defense a priority again.

Trick or treat, Mr. Speaker. I yield back big government, scary stories, and the headless horseman point of view of my liberal colleagues.

#### SUPPORT STEEL RESOLUTION AND STAND UP FOR LEGAL TRADE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, another chapter on American steel. We have already read Chapter 11, Chapter 13, and we are about to read a stone cold Chapter 7 due to illegal trade, dumping steel in America below cost, destroying families, destroying companies, destroying jobs, destroying pensions, and nobody is doing one thing about it.

We pass laws here, and the law is not being enforced. There is such a glut of steel there is a fire sale in America. America is burning. And while America burns, the administration is fiddling doing nothing.

Today you will have an opportunity to vote on a resolution. I predict that there will be an attempt to bring a softer resolution than mine. Today is the time to stand up for legal trade.

#### THE CHOICE IS CLEAR

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the majority of Republicans are conservative and they are proud of that. The majority of Democrats are liberal and I imagine that they are proud of that as well. One can only imagine what the liberals dream about in their private moments, the number of new government programs they could create if only those Republicans were not standing in the way.

Republicans believe that the country has been going in the wrong direction for far too long, down the road of higher taxes, more government and less freedom. Democrats disagree. They

favor a continuation down this path, and the current negotiations with the White House and with the other side of the aisle over the appropriations bill clearly reflect that. In almost every single case the dispute reflects the Republican desire to hold the line on spending and the Democrat desire to increase it. Although most Americans appear to support less government and lower taxes, you would never know it listening to the other side of the aisle in these negotiations. Spend more or spend less? The choice is clear.

#### SUPPORT TRAFICANT REAL STEEL RESOLUTION

(Mr. VISCLOSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, we have a crisis in steel that my colleague from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) just alluded to. I want to thank the leadership of this House for promising the gentleman from Ohio that we would have a vote on his resolution today, a real steel resolution with real language, real teeth, and I ask every one of my colleagues to support this bipartisan resolution introduced by the gentleman from Ohio, House Resolution 598. It is the resolution I am personally going to support.

We need this, because H. Res. 598 calls for a 10-day review period for all steel imports and a 1-year ban on steel imports from countries found to be violating our law, not 3 months of consultation.

We need this, because the American Institute for International Steel has written to every one of its members and said that because of cases filed on September 30, the earliest date for withholding of liquidations would be December 9.

Translation: Dump your steel before December 9 or it will be too late. Vote for Traficant.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS OF REPUBLICAN-LED CONGRESS

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, for 40 years Washington was on autopilot and heading in one direction and one direction only, toward higher taxes and bigger government. Republicans were elected to a majority in 1994 and things have been different ever since, despite the efforts of the President to raise taxes, to create new government programs and to expand old ones. Republicans passed middle-class tax cuts, welfare reform, IRS reform, and Medicare reform.

Let us just consider for a moment if any of these achievements, even a single one, would have seen the light of day if the liberal Democrats had still been in the majority. Welfare reform? The liberals are still bitter about that.

Tax cuts? They tried to raise taxes, not cut them. IRS reform? Now, why would a liberal ever want to take on his best friend? Medicare reform? This is perhaps the most unlikely proposition of them all. Any effort to reform Medicare was greeted with hysterical cries of extremism by liberal defenders of the status quo in this very body.

No, Mr. Speaker, not a single one of these achievements could have been possible were it not for a Republican majority in Congress.

#### HONORING WALTER KOHN AND AMERICA'S TEACHERS

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, with great pride I rise to congratulate Dr. Walter Kohn, a recent recipient of the Nobel prize for chemistry. Dr. Kohn is a professor of physics at the University of California at Santa Barbara where my husband Walter taught for over 30 years. Walter Kohn's life story is inspirational. He escaped Nazi-occupied Germany on the last children's transport train to England. Dr. Kohn's contributions to chemistry and physics are immense, and he also contributes greatly to our society as a teacher and role model for young people.

As we honor our Nobel winners, let us remember the priceless values of teachers in our country. Motivated, well-trained teachers are the heart and soul of our schools.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that Congress will soon pass a budget bill that will provide our local school districts with the capable teachers that they need to educate our children. I strongly support more teachers. I am glad we have put partisanship aside to invest in the future of our nation.

#### REPUBLICAN-LED CONGRESS IGNORES CRIES OF "EXTREMISM" TO PASS MEANINGFUL REFORMS

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, most Americans do not think it is extremist to want to reduce the size and power of the Federal Government. In fact after 40 years of Democratic control in which the Federal Government got bigger and bigger, more costly, more out of touch, more meddlesome and less accountable to the people, the majority of Americans finally had had enough in 1994 and they have not looked back since.

What has the Republican majority in Congress done since 1995 to reverse course? A Republican-led Congress passed the first balanced budget since 1969 and the first tax cuts in 16 years after it ignored the charges of extremism and warnings that it could not be done. A Republican-led Congress passed